



ATONEMENT LUTHERAN CHURCH  
ONEONTA, NY  
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
HARTWICK SEMINARY, NY  
ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH  
LAURENS, NY

The Rev. Paul R. Messner, S.T.S., Pastor  
The Rev. Robert Mansbach, Pastor Emeritus

+ **First Sunday in Lent** +  
Holy Communion (LBW Setting 1)  
February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021

(\* = stand as you are able; LBW = Lutheran Book of Worship-green book;  
+ = hymn requests; WOV = With One Voice Hymnal-blue book)

## GATHERING

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Parish News**

**Quiet Entrance**

(St.M)

**Extinguishing of Candle on Lenten Wreath** (with reading)

(St.M)

\* **Order for Confession and Forgiveness**

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\* **Entrance Hymn**

*I Bind unto Myself Today*

LBW# 188

\* **Apostolic Greeting**

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\* **Hymn of Praise**

*Keep in Mind that Jesus Christ Has Died for Us*

LBW# 13

(St 1 – W, St 2 – M, St 3 – all)

\***First Prayer:** *(7th Century Gelasian)*

**O Lord, mercifully hear our prayers / and by your Majestic Right Hand, reach out to defend us against all that endangers our faith / that we may serve and worship you alone, through the same Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**Musical Offering**

(St.Matt/Evan)

**First Lesson: Genesis 9:8-17** A lesson from Genesis:

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, [9] "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, [10] and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. [11] I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." [12] God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: [13] I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. [14] When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, [15] I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. [16] When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." [17] God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth." The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalmody: 25:1-10** (Tones: 22-single; 24-double)

To you, O Lord, I lift / up my soul. \*

**O my God, in / you I trust;**

do not let me be / put to shame;\*

**do not let my enemies exult / over me.**

Do not let those who wait for you be / put to shame;\*

**let them be ashamed who are wan- / tonly treacherous.**

Make me to know your / ways, O Lord;\*

**teach / me your paths.**

Lead me in your / truth, and teach me, \*

**for you are the God of my salvation;**

**for you I wait / all day long.**

Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your / steadfast love, \*

**for they have been / from of old.**

Do not remember the sins of my youth or / my transgressions;\*

**according to your steadfast love remember me,**

**for your goodness' / sake, O Lord!**

Good and upright / is the Lord;\*

**therefore he instructs sinners / in the way.**

He leads the humble in / what is right, \*

**and teaches the humb- / le his way.**

All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and / faithfulness, \*

**for those who keep his covenant and / his decrees.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the / Holy Spirit;\*

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forev- / er.**

**Amen.**

**Second Lesson: 1 Peter 3:18-22** A lesson from First Peter:

For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, [19] in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, [20] who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. [21] And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you--not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, [22] who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him. The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

\* Alleluia Verse

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\*Gospel Acclamation

*Glory to you, O Lord*

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**Holy Gospel: Mark 1:9-15      **Glory to you, O Lord.****

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. [10] And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. [11] And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

[12] And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. [13] He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

[14] Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, [15] and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Children's Sermon/Homily**

Deacon Deb Lawyer (A/St.M)

Pastor Paul Messner (E/St.J)

\*Hymn of the Day

*Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

LBW #367

**RESPONSE**

\*Nicene Creed

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\*Prayers of the Church

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**First Intercession:**

Heavenly Father, we worship you for the gifts that you give and for the opportunity to use them in your service. You honor us with freedom to obey your call, and trust us to love our neighbor as ourselves. We especially thank you for sending your son to live among us, regarding his successful testing as though it were by us, and his refusal to be tempted as being sufficient for us. With this great salvation we can now be free and glad to serve.

\* **Sharing of the Peace of the Lord**

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**Offering**

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**Musical Offering**

(Atone)

\* **Offertory**

*Create in Me a Clean Heart*

WOV #732

**\* Offertory Prayer:**

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Gracious Father, by these offerings we confess that you alone are God. Receive them as our prayer to see your vision for this world / that we may take our proper place among your creatures, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**MEAL**

**\* Great Thanksgiving/Dialog**

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**Preface & Sanctus** (*Holy, Holy, Holy*)

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**\* Eucharistic Prayer & Lord's Prayer**

pew card

**Agnus Dei**

*O Christ, Thou Lamb of God*

LBW #103

**Distribution Hymns**

LBW #99, 741, 660

**\* Post Communion Blessing & Canticle** *Lord, now you let . . .*

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**\* Post-Communion Prayer:**

Lord Jesus Christ, we came weary amid many temptations, but you have refreshed us with yourself. Teach us to prefer the heavenly food you have supplied / for strength to follow where your Spirit leads. You are the Lord forevermore. **Amen.**

**SENDING**

**\*Benediction**

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**\*Recessional Hymn**

*Jesus, Refuge of the Weary*

LBW #93

**Dismissal**

Go in Peace, Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

**Pastors Pericope Paragraph 2/21**

Mark begins his Good News story with urgency: Jesus is baptized by John...the heavens are torn; the Spirit descends; the Father's voice offers love and blessing...the Spirit drives Jesus into the wilderness to confront Satan...John is arrested...the time has come and Jesus proclaims Good News!(Gospel), God announces a "covenant" with Noah, his progeny and all creatures - promising never again a total watery disaster; sealing the promise with the sign of the rainbow. (1st lesson). Christ's suffering and death brings us to God - even those who drowned in the Great Flood - through His resurrection to LIFE! None are beyond the reach of His life affirming power! (2d lesson).

## Weekly Worship Practice:

Please help us keep our sanctuaries neat by placing worship resources in their appropriate places. Each pew rack should hold two *LBWs* (green book); one *WOV* (blue book) and a pew *Bible*. Thanks

**All baptized Christians are welcome to God's Table of Grace.** All the baptized may commune in the OCLP with no age restriction. Those who commune in their home parishes are welcome to commune; those not yet communing of any age and for any reason may come forward to receive a verbal blessing. Indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest. Baptized children may begin communing after parents have consulted with Pastor. The Lutheran Church believes, teaches and confesses that in, with and through the elements of bread and wine, Our Lord gives us His true body and blood for the forgiveness of our sin and the salvation of our lives. Anyone who has a legitimate impediment to receiving either element of the meal may receive in one kind only (bread or wine) and trust the Lord's grace that they are receiving full communion. Members, please fill out a "Voice From the Pew" folder to record your communion at least once a year. This is a constitutional requirement to determine our "Active" Voting membership roster. Thank You.

**In the OCLP We Practice The "Reserved Sacrament".** When laity "preside" at Holy Communion, they will use elements (bread and wine) previously consecrated by Pr. Paul at a prior worship service. Reserved elements are kept in an ambry for subsequent use in worship and distribution to the sick and shut-ins.

<b>Serving Today</b>	<b>Atonement</b>	<b>Evangelical</b>	<b>St. Matthew</b>
Comm. Asst. Asst. Minister Lector Cantor *Altar Care Ushers/Greeters Coffee Hour Acolyte Sound System Bell Ringer Church Cleaner	Laura Sherrill  Gavin Underwood	Cindy L Mark Howard Len P  Ilse & Dorothy Eileen B  Mia Pelcer Lane	Deb Lawyer       Alicia Stevens

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We welcome Deacon Deb Lawyer to lead worship at St. Matthew and Atonement.

Next Sunday ELCA Deacon Sandy Shear (Ret.) will lead worship at Evangelical and St. John.

**Readings Through This Week**

See website: <https://www.otsegocountylutheranparish.com>

**+Prayers of the Church+**

(Please take this prayer list home and use with your personal devotion time)

**+Atonement+**

For healing in body, mind and spirit in our own congregation: Joan Lambiaso, Richard Laitsch (John's brother), John Laitsch, Rebecca Pollack (Joan Carman), Juan Perez (D. Sherrill), Bridgette Shepardson (Thompson), Barbara Richardson (Denise), Patsy (H. Byrnes), Ken Nye (S. Dana), Linda Czernak (P. Serra-Lima), Stan Whitmore (C. Brown), Jeremy Sorese (C. Heaney), Evelyn Hamilton (Lehenbauer), Beth Gilmore (Pudelka), Virginia Pudelka, Rene Prins, Tony and Thoranne Winkler, Thomas Mendez, Bill Heaney, Allison Heaney, Heather Byrnes, Charlotte Grant, Barbara Gee, Grace Dietzman, Barbara Loitsch, Mike Lambiaso, Rita Nelson, Randy Webb (Sherrill), Margaret Ahlqvist, Emilie Stamps, Karla

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Margaret Ahlqvist

For young adult: Alison Heaney

**+Evangelical+**

For healing in body, mind and spirit in our own congregation: Kathi Yule (C. Butts), Yvonne Cornell, Dan Barrows (John and Pam Miller), Alex Reynolds (C. Butts), Marilyn Urbiss (Burda), Roz Winne (C. Butts), Janet Underwood (Burda), Bob Hazelton (C. Butts), Karen Ingraham (C. Butts), Gloria Hendricks, Mary Peterson, Susan Howard, John Miller, Tad Mahoney, David Glynn, Len Price, Esther Hughes

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Genie Weber (Florida)

For Young Adult: Keira Higgins

**+St. Matthew+**

For healing in body, mind and spirit in our own congregation: Scott Forbes, Tina Keator, Sherrie Roy (Lawyer), Laura Emmet (Lawyer) , Peg Hughes (Janet B.), Lynn Benekin (Forbes), Barbara Gesile (Lapp), Tennison (T. Wood), Gina Pywar, Erika Baker-Heinegg, Michele Tolen (T. Wood), Melissa McLaughlin (S. Eggers), Triston (Hahn), Priscilla Galbreth (Hulbert), Kelly Ives (Wood), Cathy Walsh (Stevens), Ginny Ganio, Jill Baumann, Mary Hartmann (Nelson), Kent Hoyt Jr. (Ganio), Owen Basher (Marsh), Bev Lapp, Rennie Brown (Janet), Jason Hahn, Kathy Parsons, Omar Andrades, Wayne (“Junior”) Bush, Donna Sorrentino, Ron Struckle, Margaret Ahlqvist, Karen Nelson

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Carol Evans

For Young Adult: Jordan Shaul

**+Beyond the Parish+**

For healing in body, mind and spirit: Nancy Saxton Miller (Mansbach), Jackie Hesse (Lawyer), Rosemary Pepe (Eggers), Dorothy Fernandez, (Eggers), Dick Armstrong, David Brenner (Former Oneonta Mayor), Sue Haney, Warren Robinson (Messner), Julie Steinmueller (Sandy Shear), Hilary Elf (Messner), Rachel Fisher (Messner), Pr. Ameen Aswad (Jail Ministry), Jack Schuck (Sandy Shear), Kerri Gorsch (Messner), Paul Sipps (Forbes)

**For those preparing for marriage:** Sidney Flemiser & Matt Purnell

**For those preparing for childbirth:** Dan & Nicole Meier

**For those in the military, law enforcement and emergency services:** Oneonta Fire Departmnt.

**In the Foothills Conference:** Lutheran Care Ministries at Clinton and the Good Samaritan Home, Delmar; ministry to the elderly; hospital chaplaincy; all social ministries of the church (name any chaplains who serve the local community)

**National/ International Concerns:** all victims of religious, ethnic, and racial hatred and prejudice, our country in this time of continuing deep division

**Natural and Man-Made Disasters:** Victims of the coronavirus, and those struggling with social isolation. For medical researchers, pharmaceutical companies, hospital workers, and all medical professionals. Victims of the Indonesian plane crash

**+Blessed are the Dead+  
Who Die in the Lord**

+ Bonnie Burch +  
(1956-2021)

+ Mary Peterson +  
(1951-2021)

**+ Parish News and Notes +**

**+ A special welcome to all visitors, friends and guests.** Please fill out a Voice from the Pew folder and sign our Guest Book. Please include your complete mailing, e-mail address, and phone number. If you are new to the community or are looking for a Church Home, please let us know how we can be of service and consider our Christian family your own.

**Attendance & Offering Statistics**

Date	Atonement	Evangelical	St. Matthew
2/14	15/ 129 \$1220	20/ 126 \$509	24/ 138 \$465
**	<b>(\$1,378)</b>	<b>(\$705)</b>	<b>(\$1,347)</b>
2/17	8	3	9

**\*\* Needed to meet weekly expenses**

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Please check your mailbox anytime you are in the building. Thanks!  
Remember to sign in for attendance and contact tracing. Thank you

**+Atonement**

Our sanctuary windows are in increasing need of repair. There are some broken pieces, but the primary and pressing need is re-caulking. Estimates are around \$12,500 for all the work. To help with this capital project, use a special giving envelope and make checks payable to Atonement Lutheran Church (memo: stained glass window project) Thanks!

**+ THIS WEEK +**

Lent is Here!

7:30am St. Matthew

Noon Evangelical

7:00pm Atonement

**+ COMING UP +**

See the Lent-Holy Week-Easter calendar on the literature tables

Wednesday 2/24

Pr. Paul to county jail

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+ Cartoon of the Week +



**Otsego Country Lutheran Parish**

Lutheran Church of the Atonement, Oneonta, NY

John Mushtare: President

Leslie Bauer: Organist

Barbara Loitsch: Choir Director

Evangelical Lutheran Church, Hartwick Seminary, NY

Vernon Lee Sliviak: President

Donna Brown: Organist

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Any news/ announcements/ or other information that you wish to have included in the weekly service bulletin should be received by the OCLP office no later than 9am on Thursday. Items received after this time cannot be guaranteed to appear in that week's bulletin.